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To the Spectrum Licensing and Auction Operations Branch,

RE: *Canada Gazette, Part I, June 2019, Consultation on a Policy and Licensing Framework for Spectrum in the 3500 MHz Band, SLPB-002-19*

I am writing today in support of structuring the upcoming Band Spectrum Auction an auction framework that includes setting aside spectrum for regional carriers.

The full benefit of 5G will only be realized if the wireless market is competitive. We believe it is essential that citizens, businesses, non-profits and governments, are all able to access a competitive market for 5G services. Competition and choice will lead to more affordable pricing and will foster more innovation and support local economies.

To encourage competition, we support an auction framework that sets aside a percentage of spectrum for regional providers. In addition, to encourage competition, we support a combination of both a set-aside and a cap to ensure regional providers have access to spectrum in all major markets and every region in the country.

Victoria is a vibrant city where residents and businesses are reliant on high quality services. Ongoing investment and innovation is essential for our long-term economic growth, and we therefore request that ISED pursues pro-competitive measures to ensure that customers, governments, and businesses have access to affordable prices and improved network performance.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding my support.

Sincerely,

Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor